

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Necrotizing Fasciitis was first described within medical literature in 1883 by Fournier and was originally described as a disease of unknown cause that resulted in Fournier's Gangrene or cell death of the scrotum; and

WHEREAS: It is an uncommon clinical disease of the layers of tissue under the skin that attracts a high profile within the popular media where it is often referred to as the "flesh eating bug or virus;" and

WHEREAS: The most common causes of the disease are the group A hemolytic bacterium, Streptococcus pyogenes, and Staphylococcus aureus, either alone or in combination; other cases are reported to be caused by other types of bacteria including those naturally found within the intestines of normal healthy individuals; and

WHEREAS: Much remains to be done for the treatment of Necrotizing Fasciitis in Arkansas and all around the world; and

WHEREAS: Necrotizing Fasciitis can occur in any age group, although sometimes there are precipitating factors; it is most commonly associated with surgical procedures, but may be seen in those with diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic vascular disease, malignancy and hypertension; and

WHEREAS: In rare occasions it may occur following minor injuries to the skin, falls, cuts or tears but sometimes is not apparent and can occur in apparently healthy individual;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 2020, as

NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS MONTH

and May 31st, 2020, as

NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS DAY

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 17th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2020.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Asa Hutchinson", is written over a horizontal line.

Asa Hutchinson, Governor